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"LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION."

"Papa!"
"Well, my dear?"

"Promise to grant it first."

in the young man. Am I to conclude-

his mother's sake. I would endeavor to save him, or any other young man in his danger, father. Here will be one of his

Really, dear, I feel disposed to do as

my reception a success,

"Lovingly, Mabel."

"Edgar likes Flory, I can plainly see, and I think she is not wholly indifferent to him. Together I think we can manage to hold him here to morrow, and thus save his mother a great sorrow, most likely."

Mabel Clifton was one of the loveliest girls in P—. Friends wondered that ner heart had not yielded to some one of her many suitors. They did not know she had no heart to yield to any of those who sought it. who sought it. The first season she appeared in the se-Do. do. 200 p. m. 1000 a. m. 200 p. m. 1100 a. m. 200 p. m. 1200 a. m. 1200 p. m. 1200 p was a noble looking man, talented, with mind and heart alike filled with good, true resolves. To Mabel he had been very attentive, and she grew to love him, feel-ing sure the time was not far distant when he would come to tell her of his love. But months rolled by, and he spoke not. Gradually his visits grew less frequent, until they ceased. What it was that had come between his love and hers she could A NEW YEAR REVERIE. Without, the moonlight streaming,
Casts a weird, uncertain gleaming,
White the night-winds mean and murmur like a
spirit's wail of woe;
And around my loos heart clinging,
Are the mem'ries and upspringing
Of a New Year, Happy New Year, in the
peaceful "long ago."

never think; but she felt perfectly sure he did love her, and so, hoping that time would solve the mystery and bring a balm to her wounded spirit, she watched peacemi "long ago."

From my window oft I'm peeping When the shaderof-Night are sleepin and the stars look down and glisten o'er is species robe of snow;

In the slience I am thinking, (Fancy unto fancy linking),

Of a "New Year, Happy New Year, peaceful "long ago."

way to the side of his dying friend.

Mabel sat down and wrote:

"My DEAR FLORY:—Come help

my reception a success,

peacetal "long ago."
Fore my dim eyes filt sweet faces,
While a nameless something traces
A torm with grace all matchless in the firelight's
raddy glow;
And a while hand seems pressing
With a gentle, sad carcesing,
It did one Happy, Happy New Year in the
peacetal "long ago."

wish Edgar yielded.
Few, if any, went from Clitton house dissatisfied. Everything that heart could desire or mind suggest in the way of delicacles and luxuries of the season, Mabel

"Ever thine!" Those words, a token
Of the pledges made and broken.
Seem again to breathe in fancy their beguiling
music low;
While, for pleasures unreturning,
Still mylone heart over yearning.
As the passing years are numbered with the
fading "long ago." offered her guests. But as her father had said, many tongues were busy speculating about it, and in a few hours it was widely known that Miss Clitton was having a "temperance reception." A NEW YEAR'S STORY.

Eagerly Mabel's eyes sought the door on every new arrival of guests. She had hoped for the coming of one. But the hours passed, and when it grew late in the day the hope laded and almost died out. She had seated herself in an arm chair, when the same greeting that had Mabel Clifton sat before one of the win dows of her father's magnificent mansion.

A servant stood in waiting. She was making out a list of articles wanted for fallen on her ears so many times that day, "Happy New Year, Miss Clifton," caused the bright light to return to her eye, the beautiful flush to her face, as she rose to receive Ernest Addison. the next day. Coming footsteps arrested her attention. She raised her eyes from the paper and looked out. The crimson flush deepened on her bright young face as "Oh!" in a tone of deep regret, escaped

her lips.
She turned, after an instant of thought, and said:
"John, I am not just ready to finish this list, and shall not send for an hour yet.

receive Ernest Addison.

There was an expression in his eyes, when he received from her the fragrant cup of hot coffee, that relieved the suspense of years. Her heart was bounding with new hope.

Edgar Livingston had drawn Flory to the window. They were looking out on the passers-by. A few moments and reeling along the sidewalk, shouting and singing a drinking song, came Edgar's companion of the morning.

Flory turned from the sickening sight. Edgar followed, saying: If you have anything to attend to in the meantime you can do it."

Mr. Clifton had been reading in a distant part of the room. Hearing the door close after John's departure, he asked: "You have not forgotten to send for those wines I spoke of, my dear?"

Flory turned from the sickening sight. Edgar followed, saying:
"But for yon and Miss Clifton, I might have been one of that party."
And going up to Mable, he said:
"Miss Clifton, your slumber to-night should be very peaceful. You have not helped to cloud either the brain or heart of any of your friends to-day. Accept my warmest thanks for having saved me from feeling both." "He has not gone yet, papa."
"Ah, well; do not make it late. They will be very busy to night," her father said, turning again to his paper. "A boon, papa. Promise to grant me, this last day of the year, my boon."
"What is it, love?"

from feeling both."

Edgar saw an expression in Ernest's eyes that made him think it would be quite as agreeab'e to all parties if he would take Flory back to the recess of the window, to the piano, or anywhere out of hearing, just then.

A few moments after his fine voice was hierafine with her's in a well chosen dust om feeling both."

"Promise to grant it first."
"Not in ignorance, my child."
"Trust me, father."
She had an earnest, eager, noble look in her eyes that her father did trust in, and he promised her.
"Well, well; you shall have your way."
"Father, let us have no wines to morrow."

blending with her's in a well chosen duet. Then Ernest told Mable of the love which had been her's since he first knew row."
"What! No, no, 1 cannot grant you that. No wines? Why, child, have you gone crazy? For twenty-five years past I have offered my iriends wine on New Coll that.

"I came one night to lay my heart before you. You had many guests and oftered them wine. You noticed not that I placed my glass untouched on the table. I left early. I dared not woo the heart of one who held such a fearful temptation before me; why you will know when I tell you the terrible truth. My only brother went down to a drunkard's grave, the woman he loved varier by him or Year's Day, and never have felt that I was doing anything wrong. What has come over you?"

"Oh, father, I have never felt just right I left early when offering women when the come over you." when offering young men wine; and just now, when I was making out the order for John, I chanced to raise my eyes just as Edgar Livingston was passing. It needed but a glance to see that he was very much under the influence of wine. Father, his mother is a widow to be to be a second to be the control of the control of

useded but a glance to see that he was very much under the influence of wine. Father, his mother is a widow, he her only child. All her earthly hopes are in him. Will they not be wrecked, think you, if he indulges in the wine cup? Tomorrow he will make many calls. Beautilul women will offer him wine. He will not have the courage, possibly the wish, to decline. Tomorrow night, most

likely, then, he will return home to fill his mother's heart with sorrow. I wish not to contribute one drop to that bitter "My dear, whether we have wine or not,

"My dear, whether we have wine or not, with him it will be all the same, as you say he will make many calls."

"Father, if you had a son you would feel different. Think how many young men of the brightest promise have falled, pay, worse, won truly disgrace and carly graves from the love of wine."

"I teel sai! Edgar Livingston stood on "I feel as if Edgar Livingston s'ood on

"To-day I heard what you were doing. Earnestly thanking God that light had dawned upon you, I hastened here to lay my heart before the only woman I have the brink of a fearful precipice. Father, stretch forth your strong arm to draw him back—if only one step, and for a momet. If we do not save him, it will be a ever loved. Will you be my wife, Mabel?"

Her heart was too tull of joy—she could not tell him in words how happy comfort to think we urged him not torward on his fatal course—"
"Mabel, you are very deeply interested she was, but her little hand lay still in his. She raised her eyes a moment, and he saw the love of years beaming there. He needed noother answer. Judging from the low tone into which 'Nothing more than for his own and

danger, father. Here will be one of his the voices in the other room nad laner, father. Here will be one of his the voices in the other room nad laner, a danger, father. Here will be one of his the voices in the other room nad laner, a think some other hearts had found their mates. But the pairs were separated or rather joined again, by the return of or rather joined again, by the return of Mr. Clifton, who entered, calling out:

"Mabel, my dear, to me these rooms

"Mabel, my dear, to me these room look rather dark. Let us have the gas

usappointed. Besides, 1 have not the courage to make this great change, and set five hundred tongues to work speculating about the cause of it. Some will declare I'm about to fail; others, that I have grown penurious. Ah, what is it, Just then the said with a are just then the said with a are smile.

Just then the servant entered and handed an envelope, saying:

"A telegram, sir."

"Mr. Collifon tone it quickly open, read it, and exclaimed:

"Really, this is too bad! But I must go. John, here." And hastily writing a few words for a return dispatch, he handed it to the servant, and turning to Mabel.

"I am glad of it—glad of your resolve.

"A lory you woung folks knew nothing of the surrounding darkness—guided by the light within. Well, have you had a pleasant day.?"

"A happy day, father; there are no regrets to steal in and mar it," Mabel said with a bright smile.

"I am glad of it—glad of your resolve.

Oll. Pastal. Water College.

John, here." And hastily writing a few words for a return dispatch, he handed it to the servant, and turning to Mabel, said.

"My old friend Hartwell is dying, and begs that I will hasten to him. I cannot deny him. Bo you will have to entertain and the dying father. And what a support of the servant, and turning to Mabel, thow glad you will know when I tell you that this morning I closed the eyes of a father whose only son was away in some drinking saloon. How my heart ached for that dying father. And what a support of the servant, and turning to Mabel, the servant is an expectation. The sale low by the servant is a bright smile.

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An author who had wrote a book of fables (the merit whereof transcended expression) was peacefully sleeping atop of the modest eminence to which he had tained them with wine."

An hour after Mr. Clifton was on his of the modest eminence to which he had attained, when he was rudely awakened by a throng of critics emitting adverse judgment upon the tales he had builded. "Apparently," he said, "I have been guilty of some small grain of unconsidered wisdom, and the same have proven a bitterness to these excellent folk, the receive our friends to morrow. Papa has been called away. I must have you with me, as I am particularly anxious to have airy dream of dropping ducats.

Monal: As above.

II. The first season she appeared in the select circle her father's wealth and position placed her, she met Ernest Addison. He was a noble looking man, talented, with desert" in ballast. desert" in ballast.
"Only a bale of gridirons," was the firm. meek reply.
"And what, pray, may you design doing with them?" was the incredulous re-

"What am I to do with gridirons?" peated the camel, contemptuously. "Nice question for you—who have evidently come off one!"

People who wish to throw stones should not live in glass houses; but there ought to be a few in their vicinity.

A man pursued by a lion was about and waited for the coming.

New Year's day came beautiful and bright. Mabel and her fread Flory never bethought him of the power of the hullocked loveller. Mabel had explained her man eye; and, turning about, he fixed looked loveller. Mabel had explained her wishes, and fully infused her own spirit into her lair friend.

It was impossible for an indifferent person not to feel their powers of fascination.

To Edgar Livingston, who was one of their first guests, they were guite irresistible. He lingered on, notwithstanding the many efforts of a young friend who accompanied him to draw him away.

"Do stay and help us," said Mabel, and when Flory's beautiful eyes repeated the wish Edgar yielded.

Few. if any, went from Cliiton house dissatisfied. Everything that heart could desire or mind suggest in the way of deli-

you should have two and I none."
With that he raised his loot, unsheathed his claws, and transferred one of the gentleman's visual organs to his own mouth "Now," continued he, "daring the brief remainder of a squandered existence, your lion quelling power being more highly concentrated, will be more easily managed."
He then devoured the remnant of his

victim, including the other eye.

This tale seems to imply the falsity of certain accepted beliefs. [It is, therefore, insulting.—Translator.]

New Store, on Main St.,

An ant laden with a grain of corn, which he had acquired with infinite toil, was breasting a current of his fellows, each of whom, as is the etiquette, insisted upon stopping him, feeling him all over, and shaking hands. It occurred to him that an excess of corrections is an abuse of that an excess of ceremony is an abuse of courtesy. So he laid down his burden, sat upon it, folded all his legs tight to his body, and smiled a smile of great grim-

"Hulloa! What's the matter with you?" exclaimed the first insect whose overtures

"Sick of the hollow conventionalities of a rotten civilization," was the rasping repiy. "Relapsed into the honest simplicity of primitive observances. Go to grass!" "Ah! then we must trouble you for that corn. In a condition of primitive simplicity there are no rights of property, you know. These are hollow conven-tionalities."

Idonalities."

A light dawned upon the intellect of that plamire. He shook the reefs out of his legs; he scratched the reverse of his ear; he grappled that cereal, and trotted away like a grant refreshed. It was ob-served that he submitted with a wealth of patience to manipulation by his friends and neighbors, and went some distance

out of his way to shake hands with strangers on competing lines of traffic. Nevertheless, this fable does not teach that social observances are always—or even commonly—grounded on good sense.
if it did, that would make it true.

A snake who had lain torpid all winter in his hole took advantage of the first warm day to limber up for the spring campaign. Having tied himself into an intricate knot, he was so overcome by the warmth of his own body that he fell asleep, and did not wake until nightfall. In the darkness he was unable to find his bed or his tell and as could not disenhead or his tail, and so could not disen-tangle and slide into his hole. Per conquence, he froze to death.

Many a suitable philosopher has falled to solve that knotty problem, himself, owing to his inability to discern his beginning and his end.

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GOVERNMENTS-Quiet but strong. United States 6s of 1881, coupons....

STATE BONDS—Dull and steady.
STOCKS—Dull; business confined to a few leading shares. Pacific Mail fell bitterness to these excellent folk, the which they will not abide. Ah! well, those who produce the Strasbourg pate and the teather pillow are prone to regard us as a rival creatures. I presume it is in the course of nature for him who grows the pen to censure the manner of its use."

So speaking he executed a smile a handsbroadth in extent, and resumed his list declined !ai per cent, but this was recovered in late business, Western Union lied to 73%. New York Central sold up list declined 1st per cent, but this was recovered in late business, Western Union advancing from 79% to 812; Wabash from 741 to 751; Lake Shore from 951 to 96;

> New York Dry Goods Market. NEW YORK, December 31.—Business has been completely paralized to-day by the severe storm. The maket is unchanged, and the same firmness which has ruled of late is shown in both cotton and woolen goods. Prints quiet but assort-ments light, and medium work was taken by the California trade. Cottonades are in good request by clothing manufactur-ers. Foreign fabrics very inactive. Black alpacas and mohairs held more

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